

Interview with: JOHN KEMP, janitor at Lincoln School, Ray St. 6 Ward.

Operative interviewed Mr. Kemp at the Lincoln School in an effort to learn the whereabouts of Herbert Fleming, who stated that he has not seen Fleming for quite a while and does not know where he is living.

Mr. Kemp stated that he was with Fleming the night of the murder (Sept. 14th, 1926) and on the trolley car going out Easton Ave. they noticed a woman talking to the conductor and she seemed friendly with him. Kemp further states that neither Fleming nor he saw the woman's face, and for all he knows she might have been a colored woman. This woman got off at the end of the line and walked out Easton Ave. At first they thought it might have been Mrs. Frolic's daughter, but later they thought that Mrs. Frolic's daughter is taller than this woman they saw.

Mr. Kemp stated that the State Investigators questioned him in regards to seeing a light in the Phillips Farm House. He denied to them and also to operative that he saw a light or anyone around the place. He admits he made a statement to the State Investigators but says he does not see what good it will do them as he saw nothing.

Operative asked him where in De Russey's Lane Gerry lives and he informed operative that Gerry no longer lives there as he is working for the State Highway Dept. and left De Russey's Lane when his wife died. Mr. Kemp further stated that he does not see how the Gibson woman could come from her farm to where the bodies were found, as a person riding a mule could not get through the fields to where the bodies were without using the Lane. He said he was once hunting with his dogs and happened to shoot a rabbit on the Gibson farm and she came out and ordered him away from her place, and he went in a hurry. He also stated that a man named Charlie Rollin and his son John Rollin used to do a lot of shooting in the Lane and in back of the Phillips farm. They used to shoot clay pigeons and rats. He